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Dear Harold:


As a journalist who has relied on documentation from your vast and unique collection of research material, I want to take this opportunity to commend you for your persistence in gathering data which, in some cases, is not available elsewhere.

For example, my story that disclosed that the Central Intelligence Agency had spied on the late Martin Luther King Jr. (Los Angeles Times, Feb. 20, 1980) could not have been told without your cooperation. Although most of the relevant documents were on public record at the U.S. District courthouse in Washington, D.C., key portions were mysteriously missing from the court file. A court clerk was unable to explain their absence satisfactorily.

In sum, Harold, what you have is an invaluable reference tool--one that serves to provide information and historical perspective to a society which, unfortunately, sometimes prefers to ignore truth rather than pursue it as diligently as you have.

Again, my compliments on your efforts to shed light on some of the darkest hours in our nation's history.

Kindest regards,



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